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Important Questions Jesus asked 44  
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# What Do Ye More Than Others?

Matt. 5: 38-48.\*

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Int. Ever get new book and immediately turn to last page - Read ending before beg?  
Direct you to vs. 48 which is our goal.  
Direct you to vs. 45. Perfect children of God.  
Subject: The Christian Ethic, Life Pattern.  
Command: Rise above mere human goodness or natural righteousness.  
Question: How are you superior, as Christians, to morally-good neighbors?

I Old Law was better than it looked. V. 38.

A. Eye for eye; tooth for tooth.

1. We think more in terms of "Law of tit for tat" = revenge. Blow for blow!
2. Law was really one of Limitation.  
a. Your child's eye put out IN desire is MERCY to kill the offender. Life for an eye? No!  
Limitation of vengeance! Used in court.
3. Law listed 3 times in O.T. Life for life.  
Ex. 21: 23-25. Lev. 24: 19-20. Deut. 19: 21.
4. Law never literally carried out.  
Penalty reduced to money-value and sentence passed thru this means.
5. An injury left the accused liable on five counts:  
a. For Injury. Value of man before and after injury. Difference exacted in cash from offender.

Liable

- Table
- b. For Pain - How much it would take to get the injured to undergo this much pain. (2)
- c. For Healing. all expenses involved paid until completely healed + cured.
- d. Loss of time - Replace wages lost.
- e. For Indignity - damages paid equal to what would take to endure equal amount of humiliation.
- Still, Old Law was based on some measure of vengeance + retaliation.
- also, after the penalties had been exacted and paid, there were hard feelings, enmity, bitterness and animosity.

Old Law dealt with the offense, but not the offender, or the offended.

II Jesus Reduces the offense within  
~~the offender~~ the offender (Heart) 39-42.

- A. Human Nature: when offended, strike back and start chain of ugly events which are expensive, painful and foolish. Carnal!
- B. Divine Nature: Be prepared to suffer pain, loss and indignity, but win the battle and the war in the long run. How??  
Turn enemy to a friend



V. 39. 1. Turn the other cheek. <sup>Christian (3).</sup> Spirit.  
Spirit of non-resentment and non-retaliation. Soft answer --- Prov. 15:1.

? a. How a right-handed man slap you on the right cheek? BACK-HAND!  
Object: Insult with injury. <sup>Said Rabbinical Law: Dauidab.</sup>  
Ill. Early Christians called Cannibals, Incendaries, Immorals.  
Ill. Jesus called Glutton, Winebibber, Friend of Publicans & Prostitutes; <sup>as bad.</sup>

b. Lesson: Christian Spirit teaches us to forgive & forget slights, insults, injuries and resentment & retaliation.

c. God has forgiven us. We, His children. <sup>But sins, slights, injuries & insults to Him.</sup>

V. 40. 2. Give Cloak in addition to Coat to avoid Litigation. <sup>Each must serve.</sup>

<sup>Tunic</sup> a. Coat - Inner cotton or linen.

b. Cloak - Outer robe or blanket. Shield from sun by day and cover from cold by night. (only one)

c. Tunic could be used as collateral, but not the outer cloak. Ex. 22:26-27.

d. Lesson: Those who always stand on their "rights" are in for hard time. It's better to suffer and ease hostility than perpetuate strife.

e. Jesus had "rights" before the cross - Violated - Forgone! abused.

41. 3. Go the Second Mile. (4)
- a. Brevelant in times of army occupation.
  - b. Soldiers could impress any citizen into service - carry burdens, tend animals, bed down for night, feed etc.
  - c. Christian Spirit. Not my rights to do as I please, but opportunities to win Roman goodwill for God! Love + kindness will win over all else.
42. 4. Give to poor - calling it a loan to same face.  
Question: What do ye more than others?

### III Jesus teaches His People How to Give Properly 43-44

A. Love Neighbor and Enemy.  
Love God, Self, Parents, children,  
Friends AND Enemies.

B. Four Kinds of Love in N. T.

1. STORGE - family love.  
Ill. Port Arthur gangsters did this! Several.

2. EROS - Passionate love for mate.  
Heathen, Devilish reprobates do this.

3. PHILIA - between true friends.  
Philadelphia.

4. AGAPE - toward enemies.  
Unconquerable benevolence.  
Invincible goodwill. John 3:16.

Love ones we don't like!  
Ill. P.A. anti-preachers naughty.  
God loved a world He did not like. I John 3:16.



45. C. God gives Sun & Rain to (5)  
evil and good alike because  
He is good - unquestionably good!

D. If we love only those who love  
us - how going to get those who  
hate us to love us??? Bridge?  
Publicans do this!!

E. If salute brethren only, then  
how contact, impress & influence  
our non-brethren. (Heathen do this)

Questions: What do ye more than  
others? How superior? Outstanding?

Free of resentment, grudges, ill will  
Ino. Be ye perfect. (Functional)

Do your very best? Perfect!

Done  
Till Can do no better! superior spirit!

anything between you and others that  
needs correcting? Jas. 5:16.

Any sin is a sin before God too.  
I John 5:3. (offense)  
B-R-C-B R-T.